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INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY. THE BULK OF TSVIGUN'S
13-PAGE ARTICLE, IN THE UNION OF WRITERS MONTHLY
JOURNAL "ANZMYA", NO. 12, DEALS WITH THE BIOGRAPHY
OF FELIKS DZERZHINSKIY. THE LAST THREE PAGES,
HOWEVER, ARE DEVOTED TO AN ANALYSIS OF THE CURRENT
THREAT TO THE USSR'S INTERNAL SECURITY. TSVIGUN
PAINTS A GRIM PICTURE OF AWESOME "IMPERIALIST"
FORCES THAT HAVE INTENSIFIED ANTI-SOVIET ACTIVITIES
UNDER CONDITIONS OF DETENTE. TSVIGUN'S VIEWS MERIT
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ATTENTION AS A LIKELY REFLECTION OF THE ATTITUDES OF
MANY IN THE UPPER LEVELS OF THE KGB AND PROBABLY IN
THE UPPER LEVELS OF THE PARTY LEADERSHIP AS WELL.

END INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY.

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. HIGHLIGHTS OF TSVIGUN'S

ANALYSIS OF THE POSTWAR THREAT TO THE USSR'S INTERNAL SECURITY:

--AFTER THE WAR, SOVIET ORGANS OF STATE SECURITY WERE FACED WITH A NEW ENEMY, THE INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATIONS OF THE USA, ENGLAND, AND OTHER "IMPERIALIST" GOVERNMENTS;

--WHILE THIS THREAT WAS SUCCESSFULLY COUNTERED, "UNFORTUNATELY THERE WERE YEARS WHEN ORGANS OF STATE SECURITY, UNDER CONDITIONS OF THE PERSONALITY CULT, ALLOWED VIOLATIONS OF SOCIALIST LEGALITY AND UNFOUNDED REPRESSION;" THE CPSU ENDED SUCH PRACTICES ONE AND FOR ALL;

--DETENTE NOTWITHSTANDING, IMPERIALIST CIRCLES "ARE ACTIVATING OPEN MILITARY PREPARATIONS AS WELL AS A SECRET WAR AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION AND ALL SOCIALIST COUNTRIES," IN WHICH THEY UTILIZE NOT ONLY INTELLIGENCE AND OTHER SPECIAL SERVICES BUT ALSO "COUNTLESS ANTI-SOVIET, NATIONALISTIC, ZIONIST CENTERS AND ORGANIZATIONS;"

--THIS "POWERFUL APPARATUS OF INTELLIGENCE AND IDEOLOGICAL DIVERSION" SEEKS TO UNDERMINE UNITY AND COOPERATION AMONG SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, TO WEAKEN CONFIDENTIAL

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THEIR INTERNATIONAL INFLUENCE, TO DISCREDIT THE SOVIET UNION, ITS FOREIGN POLICY AND ITS AID TO THE NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT;

--THE PARATUS ALSO SEEKS TO SHAKE THE SOCIO-POLITICAL FOUNDATIONS OF SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, TO BRING DISORDER INTO THEIR POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC LIFE, TO INCITE "SEPARATE, HOSTILE ELEMENTS" TO ACT AGAINST THE SOVIET STATE.

2. IT IS IN THIS CONTEXT THAT TSVIGUN MENTIONS FORMER EMBASSY OFFICER DUMAINE (REFTEL). ACCORDING TO TSVIGUN:

--HOSTILE INTELLIGENCE HEADQUARTERS ATTEMPT ON A WIDE SCALE TO GATHER INFORMATION ABOUT OUR MILITARY, INDUSTRIAL, AND MORAL-POLITICAL POTENTIAL, IN ORDER TO PLAN MILITARY AND FOREIGN POLICY ACTIONS AND TO ACTIVATE ANTI-SOVIET ACTIVITY;

--ESPIONAGE CENTERS AND DIVERSIONARY-IDEOLOGICAL ORGANIZATIONS ADAPT TO CONDITIONS OF DETENTE BY PERFECTING THEIR APPARATUS, CHANGING ITS STRUCTURE,

ATTRACTING NEW CADRES, INCREASING THEIR BUDGETS, AND
MODERNIZING THE FORMS AND METHODS OF SUBVERSIVE
ACTIVITY;

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--THEY ATTEMPT IN PARTICULAR TO SEND INTO OUR
COUNTRY SPIES AND AGENTS UNDER THE GUISE OF DIPLOMATIC
AND OTHER OFFICIAL REPRESENTIFES, TOURISTS,
SCIENTISTS, BUSINESSMEN, CREATIVE ARTISTS, AND
SPORTSMEN.

TSVIGUN THEN OFFERS THE "DUMAINE EXAMPLE," AS
OUTLINED REFTEL.

3. TSVIGUN ALSO MENTIONS:

--THE "CIA" RADIO STATIONS "LIBERTY" AND "FREE
EUROPE", WHOSE TRANSMISSION WERE INTENSIFIED THIS
60TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR AND WHOSE BUDGETS WERE ALSO
RECENTLY INCREASED;

--INCREASED ATTEMPTS TO SMUGGLE ANTI-SOVIET
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LITERATURE INTO THE USSR, AS WHEN IN AUGUST 1977
CANADIAN AND US TOURISTS TRIED UNSUCCESSFULLY TO
CONCEAL ANTI-SOVIET AND RELIGIOUS MATERIAL IN A
SPECIAL, FACTORY-CONSTRUCTED HIDING PLACE IN A FORD
MINI-BUS;

--RECENT EMPHASIS OF IMPERIALIST IDEOLOGICAL
DIVERSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS, BECAUSE OF IMPERIALISM'S
DISMAL RECORD IN CONTRAST TO THE GLORIES OF THE
SOVIET EXPERIENCE IN THIS FIELD.

4. TSVIGUN WINDS UP BY NOTHING THAT IN CONDITIONS OF
INTENSIFIED SUBVERSION AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION,
"THE COMMUNIST PARTY CONSTANTLY CALLS UPON ALL SOVIET
PEOPLE TO INCREASE THEIR POLITICAL VIGILANCE, TO
UNMASK THE SCHEMES OF THE ENEMY." END UNCLASSIFIED.

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5. COMMENT: ONE WOULD LIKE TO DISMISS TSVIGUN'S
WARPED ASSESSMENT OF THE "IMPERIALIST THREAT" AS
EXTREMIST AND UNREPRESENTATIVE OF OFFICIAL SOVIET
THINKING. WE DOUBT, HOWEVER, THAT THE FIRST DEPUTY
CHAIRMAN OF THE KGB IS REFLECTING ONLY HIS PERSONAL
VIEWS IN THIS ARTICLE. WE WOULD ESTIMATE THAT HIS
UNDERSTANDING OF "THE THREAT" IS WIDELY SHARED IN
THE UPPER REACHES OF THE KGB AND PROBABLY IS NOT
UNCOMMON AMONG THE SENIOR PARTY LEADERSHIP. IT
WAS, FOR EXAMPLE, UNDOUBTEDLY ON THE BASIS OF THESE
SORTS OF ATTITUDES THAT THE KGB WAS GIVEN THE GREEN
LIGHT IN LATE 1976 OR EARLY 1977 TO CRACK DOWN ON
SOVIET HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS AND TO INTENSIFY HARASS-
MENT OF US EMBASSY OFFICERS AND CORRESPONDENTS IN
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